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High school teachers begin strike, may disrupt new term

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The country's 7,000 high school teachers, principals and inspectors are to begin a strike at 8 o'clock this morning to back their demand for higher wage rates. Last minute efforts by leaders of the Histadrut Teachers Union, most of whose members teach in elementary schools, to avert a strike in secondary schools, failed on Friday afternoon.

There has been no contact between the teachers and officials of the Finance Ministry since that time.

The Histadrut Teachers Union Central Committee will meet today to decide whether elementary teachers would join the strike called by

the Secondary School Teachers Association. Members of the Labour Party faction of the Histadrut union met on Friday with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to persuade him not to go back on his undertaking that high school teachers would receive an average monthly rise of 11.400. The teachers claim that Mr. Sapir made such a promise early in August and then changed his mind. It was on August 8 that the Secondary School Teachers Association declared its labour dispute. The Histadrut Union officials, however, failed in their peace-making efforts.

The strike will mean that some 480 teachers and inspectors, who usually work even during the summer vacation, will stay away from their jobs. It will also mean that

preparations for the opening of the new school year in September will be disrupted. Association Chairman Reuven Avram told The Jerusalem Post last night that if the dispute is not settled before studies are resumed, the teachers will boycott classes. About 150,000 high school pupils may be affected.

The teachers are demanding that their pay be equated to an engineer's salary to which their own is linked. Last December they won a 16.8 per cent rise when Mr. Sapir accepted their claim that their pay had been regressing in comparison to that of the engineers. The engineers, however, have since then won additional benefits and the teachers now demand that their own pay be raised accordingly.

Murder-hostage drama in France



Armed policemen kneel at the entrance of house in Brest Friday where gunmen were holding an old woman hostage. (APF radio photo)

BREST, France. — Two armed bank robbers, who are holding an old woman hostage in her home here after killing a policeman in fleeing from the bank, last night renewed their demand for an uncollected ransom to escape.

Dozens of police who have ringed the house, the two, is determined not to give in to the

robbers' ultimatum. The gunmen were identified almost by accident on Friday afternoon. Their wives went to a police station to report their missing, and the police were quickly able to establish they were the bank robbers. They held up a bank in this Brittany town on Friday morning and fled on foot with the money. Challenged by a police patrol, they killed a policeman and then broke into the villa owned by Mrs. Le-moigne.

Among the police surrounding the house are 18 members of a special anti-terrorist squad, created after Arab terrorists murdered 11 Israeli spectators at the Munich Olympic Games last September. This was the first time this special group has seen action.

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NIXON TO EUROPE IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Nixon is planning his "grand tour" of Europe in late October and early November to rebuild Atlantic Alliance unity, White House officials said on Friday.

Preparations have begun for a two-week journey that will take Mr. Nixon to France, Britain, Ger-

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MAY UPSET SALT TALKS

Soviets matching U.S. in missiles

WASHINGTON (AP). — Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger disclosed on Friday that the U.S.S.R. has taken a long stride toward matching U.S. missile technology by successfully testing multiple warheads, which can be aimed at separate targets.

Schlesinger said this could lead to the Soviets gaining a clear nuclear striking advantage over the U.S. by the 1980s, unless something is done. The U.S.S.R. already leads the U.S. in its number of missile launchers.

Schlesinger told a news confer-

ence the chances for controls on multiple independently targetable warheads ("MIRVs") in the current round of U.S.-Soviet arms limitation talks "have deteriorated badly."

"This subject has been brought up before, and I think it is fair to say that the Soviets have not been particularly interested in limitations on MIRVs," Schlesinger said.

At the outset of his meeting with newsmen, Schlesinger announced that "in recent weeks the Soviets have successfully demonstrated flight tests of the MIRV capability on at least two of their missiles."

He identified these two land-based ICBMs (Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles) as the SSX-17, which is comparable to the U.S. Minuteman ICBM, and the SSX-18, a huge missile believed intended to replace the Soviets' currently largest weapon, the SS-9.

Schlesinger said the big missile could be developed into a major threat to knock out land-based U.S. missiles.

can now be upset by the U.S.S.R. without violating the treaty. "The United States cannot tolerate this and must find a way to return to equality," Schlesinger said, implying that U.S. negotiators at the Salt II talks will seek a reduction in the overall number of Soviet ICBMs.

State Department officials said the Soviet missile tests reduced the prospects for an agreement with the U.S. to control development of warheads.

They pointed out that except in some Congressional quarters, there never has been any real hope for control of qualitative improvements. They went on to say that there was a hope that a moratorium on testing would have that effect.

At the same time, newsmen were told to keep in mind that the United States also reserves the right to make qualitative improvements in its missiles.

The Defense Secretary said that neither the U.S. nor the U.S.S.R. could attain an ability to destroy totally the other side's missile-striking power in a surprise first strike.

He did not elaborate on this, but he apparently had in mind that both countries would still have powerful submarine-launched missiles at sea, even after destruction of significant numbers of those based on land.

Behind a nuclear war deterrent is the realization by both super powers that a nuclear surprise attack would trigger overwhelming destructive retaliation from the surviving forces of the country which absorbed such a first attack. (AP, UPI)

Libya admits hijacker is citizen, calls al-Touni 'mentally sick'

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Libya yesterday admitted that the man who hijacked a Lebanese Middle East Airlines passenger plane to Israel last Thursday is a Libyan citizen, noting that he is mentally unbalanced.

Tripoli radio quoted the official Libyan "Arab revolution" news agency as identifying the hijacker, who is now in custody here, as Mohammed Ahmed al-Touni, a native of the Libyan town of al-Zentan. The radio said that al-Touni carried a Libyan passport, issued on June 24 this year.

By backing up the Israeli description of the hijacker, the Libyan statement undercut a wild Arab press campaign, which claimed that al-Touni was an Israeli agent assigned to an air piracy operation. The statement further refuted claims by the Libyan ambassador to Iraq, Salah Senoussi, that al-Touni "could not be a Libyan because he speaks such poor Arabic." Senoussi was on board the hijacked plane, which remained at Lod airport for five hours after al-Touni had diverted the Benghazi-Beirut flight.

The Libyan State Radio quoted al-Touni's mother as saying her son had been mentally ill since childhood. She added that al-Touni's late father had frequently taken him for treatment to Tripoli. The mother was further quoted as saying that her son was "a loner" who broke off relations with the family after several feuds. Al-Touni was reported to have worked last for an insurance company, which fired him because of frequent absences.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Prime Minister Tadeoula Solh yesterday said his government might ask Israel to extradite al-Touni for trial in Beirut. Solh said that the government was currently discussing the issue, adding that once the extradition request is decided upon, it would be lodged through the U.N. Mixed Arbitration Commission, he said. (Israel no longer recognizes this body.)

(A Foreign Ministry spokesman said last night the hijacker would stand trial in Israel. He totally dismissed the suggestion that extradition to Lebanon was feasible.)

Al-Touni was remanded on Friday for 15 days by a Jerusalem District Court, pending the ex-



Libyan hijacker al-Touni escorted by police on his way to District Court in Jerusalem, where he was remanded for 15 days. (Thraati)

clusion of the investigation into last Thursday's air drama. Al-Touni operated the hijacking single-handedly, while reportedly being under the influence of alcohol.

Al-Touni was brought handcuffed to a court room at the Russian compound, flanked by two policemen. Several high-ranking police officers and a dozen constables walked behind.

When told by Judge Elmer Goldberg that he was being remanded for 15 days at the request of police, pending the completion of his interrogation, al-Touni asked, "Is that necessary?"

Al-Touni showed surprise and claimed he had done nothing wrong, stressing that he harmed nobody. "It took me several years to plan the operation with the determination not to harm any-

body. None of the passengers was hurt," al-Touni said.

Later al-Touni asked whether he could be kept in "a police station or an apartment," adding he "did not deserve to be in jail for making a friendly gesture towards Israel." The police prosecutor told the judge there was no reason to provide al-Touni with special facilities.

When asked by The Jerusalem Post what he thought would happen, al-Touni expressed the hope he would be given political asylum in Israel. When asked if he could not think of a means other than hijacking to achieve such an aim, al-Touni said: "You do not understand. Nobody can understand me."

"I believe in something important," he murmured, as policemen escorted him out of court.

2 Sukhois fly over N.W. Sinai

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Two Egyptian Sukhoi 7 light bombers yesterday afternoon flew over Israeli positions in northwest Sinai. A complaint has been lodged with U.N. staff in Jerusalem.

Military sources last night did not treat the penetration, the first since May 1972, as serious. It is thought that the planes were on an aerial photography mission. The two multi-purpose aircraft approached from the west and then made a dash back for Egypt — safety was apparently the prime consideration.

Ground fire directed at the two planes was ineffective. A spokesman said no Israeli planes were scrambled to meet the Egyptian jets.

The area flown over by the two planes is swampy and the results of the mission are thought to be limited.

In May 1972 a Soviet-piloted Mig 23 penetrated Israeli airspace and managed to return to Egypt safely. In Cairo, a military spokesman said yesterday, "Our planes were on a routine patrol over our territory and they all returned safely to base." He did not elaborate.

Yigal Eyal back from Norway

LOD AIRPORT. — Yigal Eyal, the Israel Embassy security officer who was declared persona non grata by the Norwegian Government after the murder of a suspected Black September terrorist, returned to Israel last night with his wife and infant daughter.

"Tim" learns that special security arrangements were made to keep newsmen away from the Eyal. They were flown first from Oslo to Amsterdam, where they transferred to an El Al flight. Landing at Lod, they debarked before the rest of the passengers and were whisked away in a private car which was waiting for them on the tarmac — even before their luggage was removed. (Tim)

Israelis rap Soviet police conduct

The head of the Israel sports delegation at the world student games in Moscow has protested to the organizers over the conduct of the Soviet police on Friday, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

The delegation leader, Yitzhak Al-doubi, was said to have complained that on Friday a bus carrying the Israel basketball team to see the Israel versus Mongolia volleyball match had been stopped by the police and ordered to drive slowly for "security reasons." The Israel team arrived in the middle of the game, it said.

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HABASH CALLS GADDAFI 'FASCIST'

BEIRUT (AP). — George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) yesterday denounced Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Libya as "fascist tyrant" and declared he is bound to be overthrown.

The Marxist PFLP charged that more than 1,000 leftist opponents of Gaddafi's regime were arrested and banished to concentration camps in the Libyan desert during the last four months.

The worst terror campaign since the downfall of Mussolini is under way in Libya. Hundreds of intellectuals, lawyers, university professors and journalists are being phy-

sically tortured to near-death in Gaddafi's concentration camps, said PFLP's Beirut newspaper "Al-Badlat."

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Oil firms said airing action against Libya

LONDON (INA). — The world's major oil companies are having secret talks on the possibility of joint action in a confrontation with Libya, the "Guardian" reports today in a front page story.

The companies, the report says, will not comment on the kind of action considered so as not to give Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi any advance warning.

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NABULSIS CAN REBUILD HOUSES

NABULS. — Nabulus area residents whose houses were damaged or blown up by security forces will be permitted to rebuild them, the Military Governor here, Aluf-Mishne Elmer Segov, informed the Nabulus mayor Hay Ma'azouh Ma'ari over the weekend. Local leaders recently asked Defense Minister Dayan to allow rebuilding. (Tim)

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Safed	49	15-27	12-27
Tiberias	37	21-34	21-34
Nazareth	46	20-29	20-29
Afula	45	20-31	20-31
Shomron	53	15-26	12-26
Tel Aviv	58	20-28	20-28
Lod	58	21-30	20-30
Jericho	36	21-36	21-36
Gaza	61	20-28	20-28
Beerseba	43	19-30	19-30
Shik	21	20-27	19-26
Tiras	29	20-26	19-24

Social and Personal

The first saplings in a forest honouring former Ambassador to the U.S. Yitzhak Rabin and his wife Lea were planted in their presence near Kibbutz Bar-Am last week as a tribute from American Jewry. The initiators of the project were Alexander and Sylvia Hassan of Washington.

U.S. Congressman Ogden Reid, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, last week visited Kfar Hahad. He also visited Tel Aviv University and called on Dr. George Wise, Chancellor of the University.

The Promised Land Ltd., Jerusalem-Tel Aviv congratulates Mr. Elias Dahan of the American Colony Hotel and his bride on the occasion of their wedding.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Sam Rothberg, General Chairman, State of Israel Bonds.

Four killed on roads

Four persons were killed and another seriously injured in three road accidents on Thursday and Friday. Yehoshua Baruch, 47, and his wife Bitha, 43, of Haifa, were killed Friday afternoon when their car collided with a truck on the Hadera-Bait Lid road. The driver of the truck, a 22-year-old Kfar Yona man, was held for questioning.

In another accident on Friday, Mendel Goldfarb, 56 of Holon, was seriously injured and his wife was killed when their car collided with a taxi at the Kfar Netzer intersection on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road. The taxi driver, Aharon Stern of Haifa — who, with his two passengers, was slightly hurt — was detained by police.

A 17-year-old youth from Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip, Yehyeh Na'im Wad, was struck and killed by a truck on Thursday afternoon while crossing the main road in the Strip. Police arrested the truck driver.

Letting plane land was 'calculated risk'

Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili said Friday Israel took a calculated risk in granting the hijacked Lebanese plane permission to land at Lod Airport last Thursday. Had the hijacker blown the aircraft up in flight "we would have been held responsible for not preventing this."

Interviewed on the "This Week" television programme, Mr. Galili said he went on to answer questions about the interception of the Lebanese airliner by Israeli fighter planes over Beirut nine days ago. He said this was an "extraordinary act resulting from reliable information in our possession as to the possibility of trapping the source of the chain of terrorist activity — that is to say, an operation aimed at seizing terrorist elements in order to save human lives, and by no means ours alone."

Hinting that Israel had expected to catch more than one Arab terrorist leader, Mr. Galili said "we need only recall the massacre at Lod Airport in May last year to realize the true nature of the organization headed by George Habor Beirut nine days ago. He said bash — nor is it my intention to go into details here as to who else was due to have been on that flight."

EBAN AND PERES:

Hope for balance at civil-air meet

Israel will press for balanced action and firm measures against air piracy at this week's meetings of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Transport Minister Shimon Peres said in interviews broadcast yesterday over Israel Radio.

Mr. Peres said Israel's interception of a Lebanese airliner over Beirut on August 10 would be further criticized when the ICAO Executive Committee meets tomorrow in Montreal. The interception was part of an unsuccessful attempt to capture Palestinian terrorist leaders.

Voicing his hope for balanced action at the meeting, Mr. Peres said: "I hope that one-sided steps won't be taken against the actual victims of terror." What is needed is action first against the initiators of terror, he said.

Mr. Eban, in an interview recorded in New York, said "the test will come when the international civil aviation authorities face the opportunity to adopt the air-safety charter — which has not been ratified thus far because of Arab opposition."

Referring to the Security Council's condemnation last week of Israel's interception of the Arab airliner, Mr. Eban said he regretted the vote "but it didn't surprise me." He said the U.S. representative on the Council, John Scott, was the only delegate to attempt to put Israel's action within its proper context of the fight against international terrorism, and to refer to Arab terrorism in the air and on the ground.

"The others didn't even take the trouble to do that," he said. He added that Israel would continue to press for firm measures against air piracy at tomorrow's ICAO meeting in Montreal and in Rome later this month.

The head of the Histadrut's Foreign Relations Department, Shmuel Bahat, said yesterday in Tel Aviv that the Histadrut has called on the world's transport workers unions to take concrete action against terrorism. The Beirut incident only proved that not enough had been done until now, he added. (See ICAO, Page 3)

The head of the American Airline Pilots' Association, Captain O'Donnell, yesterday denied reports he had asked the U.S. Government to suspend shipments of equipment to the Israel Air Force because of the interception of the Lebanese plane on August 10.

Speaking to an Israel Radio interviewer, Captain O'Donnell said, "I well understand that Israel is fighting for her existence, but I would like to stress that she should not wage her war against civil aviation."

Captain O'Donnell said he hoped the forthcoming meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) council in Rome would adopt guidelines by which countries that harboured air terrorists would be branded as "criminals." He added that his proposal was aimed at neither Israel nor the Arab states specifically, but "against all those who interfere with the freedom of civil aviation anywhere in the world."

He said the ICAO made no distinction between hijacking and interception of civil aircraft. (This)



SWITCHING ROLES. — Citizen Teddy Kollek pays a call on Friday on Jerusalem's mayor-for-a-day, Youth Capital leader Shally Lehmann, 17.

'Youth rule' in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The reins of city government were symbolically passed into the hands of youth for a day at the Jerusalem Municipality last Friday.

Shally Lehmann, the 17-year-old Mayor of the "Youth Capital" summer programme for young Jewish and Arab Jerusalemites, took over Mayor Teddy Kollek's job. Some 25 other youth-club volunteers replaced

the deputy mayors, the Municipality spokesman and department heads. Mr. Kollek, referring to the Arab and Jewish Youth Capital participants who recently broadcast from Abie Nathan's "Peace Ship," praised the youth's initiative. But he thought the Youth Capital had made a much greater contribution to understanding between Arabs and Jews than had the radio station.

Ben-Aharon issue at Labour forum today

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A lively debate is expected today at the Labour Party's central committee when it meets on the party's platform and candidates for the Histadrut elections.

Party leaders are waiting anxiously to see whether supporters of Yitzhak Ben-Aharon make a special fuss over the leaders' refusal to commit themselves on another term for the Histadrut Secretary-General.

Another disputed issue is the ratio of candidates drawn from work places and those appointed from among party functionaries. This reform was introduced after it emerged that 90 per cent of delegates chosen in the last Histadrut elections were full-time party functionaries.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party is also bracing itself for a tough debate at the Knesset elections platform committee chosen late Thursday. The Leadership Bureau chose Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili as platform chairman. Other members, reflecting the range of views in the party, include Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Labour Minister Yosef Almog, Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, Transport Minister Shimon Peres, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yacobi, and Mr. Arye Eliaz M.K.

Informed party sources explained last night that there was no need for a further meeting of the top Labour Party leadership to discuss policy in the territories. All parties to the four discussions held on the issue were agreed to this, they said, following the agreement between Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir on a draft programme for the territories. The working programme summary

Kibbutz Ha'Meuhad

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Kibbutz Ha'Meuhad Movement, backbone of the Ahud Ha'avoda wing of the Labour Party, has officially endorsed Yitzhak Ben-Aharon — one of its founders — for another term as Histadrut Secretary-General.

This was reported Friday by Kibbutz Ha'Meuhad Secretary Danny Rosolio at the conclusion of the movement's central committee meeting. A number of kibbutzim at the meeting, including Lyal and Palmahim, threatened not to vote for the Labour Alignment if Ben-Aharon is not re-elected.

'STOP INSULTING US' UNION WARNS SAPIR

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

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Wednesday deadline

The deadline for submitting candidates' lists to the Histadrut elections is Wednesday midnight. This was announced on Friday by Histadrut central elections committee chairman Ephraim Reiner. He said officials will stay on after hours on Monday and Tuesday to receive the candidates' lists.

was drawn up by Mr. Galili at Prime Minister Meir's request. Mr. Galili, in an Israel TV interview Friday night, said the programme left matters — including the Alon plan — essentially on the same lines the Government has been following up to now. Its premise was that there would be no change in the political status of the territories or in the civil status of the refugees. Mapam, he said, should welcome its refugee-rehabilitation and development clauses.

Ben-Aharon hits economic policy

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon revived his criticism of Government economic policy on Friday, when he addressed an Alignment election rally for works committees here.

Summing up his record as Secretary-General, Mr. Ben-Aharon declared: "There was a firm basis for the Histadrut's protest at discrimination against wage-earners in the distribution of national income, and on the deepening gap between capital and labour."

Ben-Aharon urged a mass turnout in September, saying, "it will give the present leadership a mandate to continue in office." He justified his struggle to pinpoint poverty and social discrimination. He said the effort had been translated into action by Histadrut wage policies.

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Rabbi Kanotopsky of Bar-Ilan dies

RAMAT GAN. — Rabbi Zvi Dov Kanotopsky, head of the Institute for Advanced Torah Studies at Bar-Ilan University died here yesterday. Rabbi Kanotopsky, who joined Bar-Ilan in March 1971, taught talmud at Yeshiva University for 28 years and held a leading position in the rabbinate in New York. He was 50. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

Street clean-up

TEL AVIV. — The city spokesman promised on Friday that city street cleaning squads would work overtime in the next few days to remove all the garbage that piled up all over the city in their strike last week. Special attention was being paid to cleaning up around the city markets, he said. Contractors have been hired for the occasion, he added.

THREE SUSPECTS held in connection with the Lod Diamond robbery last April, Avraham David, Yisrael Ben-David and Jackie Cohen, were detained for a further week by the Magistrate's Court in Netanya on Friday while the investigation continues.

Another 35 settlements in 'areas' by 1978

Israel plans to set up another 35 Jewish settlements in the administered areas over the next five years, Israel radio said Friday. At present, there are 44 such settlements with a total of more than 5,000 inhabitants. Work is in progress on another four. The radio quoted informed sources as saying that regional centres would be built in the Golan Heights, the Jordan Valley, the approaches to Rafah south of the Gaza Strip, and at Sharm el-Sheikh. The first 100 families would move into permanent houses at Sharm (Ophira), within the coming seven months, the sources said.

Tel Aviv mayor wins in local party dispute

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday acknowledged by the mayor at yesterday's meeting when he said: "For the sake of party unity even those who choose a younger man as candidate for the powerful post of Labour Council secretary."

Doing his bidding, they re-elected Uri Alpert, 14 years in the job and a close friend of the mayor's, in the inner forum of the "push" bloc (members of the Mapai constituent of the party) who run the Labour Party machine — instead of a man 20 years his junior, Meir Ben-Dov, local party branch secretary. But there was also a small minority who simply chose not to vote.

Mr. Rabinowitz himself was unanimously nominated for another term by the secretariat.

Mr. Rabinowitz reportedly spent a number of days softening up opposition by personally interviewing most members of the secretariat, the branch and by exerting intense pressure on Mr. Ben-Meir, who finally agreed not to stand, but to run as No. 2 man on the Labour Council list headed by Mr. Alpert. It had been known in the past week that Mr. Ben-Meir enjoyed a

majority on the secretariat to replace Mr. Alpert, and this was even Yehoshua Rabinowitz acknowledged by the mayor at yesterday's meeting when he said: "For the sake of party unity even those who choose a younger man as candidate for the powerful post of Labour Council secretary."

The mayor warned that Mr. Alpert's "ouster" would split the party branch just before the elections. Mr. Alpert dismissed the arguments against him — especially that all Histadrut and trade union registers show his age as 66, a year past the mandatory retirement age of 65. Other union officials have protested that Mr. Alpert wished to create two laws on compulsory retirement, one for himself and one for rank and file Histadrut members.

Claiming he was really 64, Mr. Alpert had a novel explanation why all documents contradict his arguments. He claimed that when applying to get an immigrants' certificate in the 1920s to reach this country from Poland he had falsified his age by adding two years. He did not explain why he had not sought to rectify this in the intervening years. But he promised he would step down in a year's time, when he reached retirement age.

New snag in talks of 'centrist' bloc

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The negotiations over the Centrist alignment, having just emerged unscathed from the Histadrut election agreement, are now bogged down by Shmuel Bahat's demand for bigger representation in the joint lists and the future Knesset faction. Some participants claim Mr. Tamir is filibustering in an attempt to wear down the others.

The delegates for Gahal, the State List and the Free Centre on Friday finally decided at the platform committee to call their bloc by the name of Haikud — the Union. Herut chairman Menachem Begin allowed himself to be overruled by the others' objections to his proposed name the National Liberal Union (Haikud HaLeumi HaLiberal).

However, trouble began when platform committee chairman S. Zaitman Abramov (Liberal) urged that the official title of the new United bloc be Haikud, with the three parties' names underneath in the order of Gahal, State List and Free Centre. But Mr. Tamir insisted on his party

preceding the State List. This in turn incurred the wrath of State List's Yigal Hurwitz.

Mr. Tamir then served an ultimatum declaring that all public opinion polls indicated his party was in the ascendancy and this should be reflected in all aspects of the united bloc. When Mr. Begin urged a compromise so as to proceed with other matters on the agenda, Mr. Tamir objected.

Gahal sources maintain that Mr. Tamir thereby wished to take precedence over Mr. Hurwitz on the United bloc's candidates' list. Thus, it is argued, if the State List would get three safe places on the joint list, Mr. Tamir hoped by rule of precedent to win his case for four places which he claims on the basis of rising expectations at the polls.

Mr. Tamir then asked that the committee recess to allow his party to hold consultations.

There were similar difficulties in the ways and means and municipal committees.

A/M Ze'ev Ofer takes over Jerusalem unit

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

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MARGORIE ACKER

On the thirtieth day after her death a memorial service for

Dr. KURT MENDELSON

has passed away. The funeral will leave today, Sunday, August 19, 1973, at 3.15 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

His wife, Jenny Mendelson (née Hanemann), His son and daughter-in-law, Gavriel and Tami Mendelson, and all the family.

Please abstain from condolence visits.

Rose Chill

The funeral will leave today, Sunday, August 19, at 2 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour at 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.

Shiva will be observed at the home of Rabbi Chill, 18 Rehov Harav Berlin, Jerusalem.

Her children: Rabbi Abraham Chill and family, Jerusalem Rabbi Samuel J. Chill and family, New York Rabbi Akiba Chill and family, New York Thelma Chill, New York; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

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Scotland Yard denies kidnap plan of Israelis

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and Agencies

LONDON. — A Scotland Yard spokesman said Friday, "we have no knowledge" of an Arab terrorist plot to kidnap children of Israeli diplomats in London. He was commenting on a report that appeared in the "Jewish Chronicle". He added: "Such rumours circulate all the time but it does not mean that anything has been discovered. We are watching the situation all the time, of course, but no arrests have been made in such a context. I think it's one of those stories which have no real foundation. The reason I don't issue a firm denial is that I don't know whether anybody hatched a plot or not. I can only say that we have no knowledge of it."

The "Chronicle" report said that more terrorist attempts against Israeli or Jewish targets in London are expected within the next six weeks. This despite terrorist failures during the past few weeks as a result of the vigilance of the British police and their close cooperation with Israeli intelligence.

Several groups of Arab terrorists have arrived in Europe and are known to be moving around capital cities, the "Chronicle" reported. Among the fabled plans of Black September were the kidnapping of Israeli diplomats' children and attacks on their wives, the weekly said.

They had also planned to bomb a meeting of Jewish communal workers at either Rex House, the Regent street headquarters of the Zionist Federation, or the Board of

Deputies' Webura House headquarters near Euston Station. The terrorist's "master plan" was also to include an attack on at least one major company trading with Israel.

Surveillance of targets is reportedly carried out by Arabs living in London. The terrorists usually reach London in two groups. The first delivers the weapons and explosives while the second is assigned to carry out the attack. Both groups arrive here at virtually the last moment and attempt to leave as soon as the attacks have been perpetrated.

It is the discovery of this pattern which has led to the detection of a number of Arabs at Heathrow airport and other ports of entry recently.

There is little likelihood of any attack against the embassy here, which is now a veritable fortress surrounded by barbed wire, floodlights, and a very visible team of armed guards.

Jewish communal buildings like Rex House and Webura House are also reasonably well guarded and all visitors are checked.

But diplomats and Jewish leaders have to shop, take their children to school and carry out the pursuits of everyday life and it is impossible to give them complete protection every hour of the day. It is hoped here that the police will continue to be successful in pre-empting terrorist strikes.

Scotland Yard has certainly devoted considerable thought and hundreds of hours to just this end.

Egyptians 'cooperate' in hashish smuggling

'Exchange deal' for information

By YOEL DAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A professional Egyptian drug smuggler who apparently enjoyed the backing of the Egyptian authorities is believed behind the two-ton hashish shipment seized aboard a Lebanese boat off Nahariya last week.

The man had been aboard the vessel, but disappeared after going ashore at its intended destination — near the Egyptian port of Mersa Matruh — to check that the way was clear for unloading. The boat, driven off by gunfire, then headed back to Lebanon with the drugs.

Police say the crew sailed into Israeli waters after mistaking the lights of Haifa for those of Beirut.

Interrogation of the four crewmen revealed that the man who hired the boat in Beirut to transport the hashish to Egypt lives in a small village west of the Suez Canal and poses as a shopkeeper.

It is believed he often acts with the knowledge and backing of the Egyptian authorities. His name has also turned up in the interrogation of Beduin smugglers intercepted on their way from Jordan to Egypt.

Egyptian officers help the "boss" Beduin smugglers cross the lines from and to Israel, and in return question the sharp-

eyed Beduin for any military intelligence they pick up in transit through Israel — such as the changing positions of Israeli units, and new roads and installations in Sinai. The Beduin quickly notice any change in the monotonous desert landscape.

The Egyptians allow these smugglers to cross the lines with a few dozen kilograms of drugs at a time.

But the two-ton cargo intercepted by chance at sea last week is a different story. It reached the Egyptian coast near Mersa Matruh without mishap: things went wrong when the Egyptian smuggler went ashore and failed to return. The crew waiting aboard for his return were shot at, and sailed away in fright.

Was this smuggling attempt made without the knowledge of the Egyptian authorities, and the boat shot at by mistake? Did the "boss" violate an agreement with the Egyptian command?

No certain answers to these questions are yet possible. What is certain is the substantial loss: hashish valued at IL2m. in Israel, and at IL4m. if sold in Egypt. Had the smuggler sold it to an international ring, its value would have been still higher. One of the investigators said here on Friday: "Whoever packed this stuff and stowed it aboard was an expert."

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Villagers pray and picnic near Ikrit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Greek Catholic Archbishop Joseph Raya yesterday morning led over 200 former residents of Ikrit in prayer on the road near the site of the village from which they were evacuated 25 years ago. The service was held outside the closed area of the village and it was followed by a picnic.

The group reached the site on the Northern Road in three buses, a truck and several cars. Though the Archbishop had been informed that he and the villagers could pray at the church inside the closed area, he chose a spot outside its limits.

In an address following the prayer, he expressed astonishment that the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence had allowed the area (evacuated on army orders in 1948 on security grounds) to be closed. He would continue by peaceful means to plead for the reconstruction of the village, he said. He then left for the village of Jish (Gush Halav) where many of the former Ikrit residents now live.

After the picnic, attorney Anis Shakkor, a member of the village's committee, asked for permission to enter the site. The police commander on the spot said he did not object, if Shakkor would first obtain the required permit at the Nahariya police station. He offered to take Mr. Shakkor there in a police car, but the attorney declined and the crowd left without incident.

Rabbi Zvi Guttman dies, aged 79

TEL AVIV. — Rabbi Zvi Guttman, one of Rumania's leading rabbis for over 40 years, died here on Friday. He was 79.

Descended from a prominent Hassidic family, Rabbi Guttman became an ardent Zionist and helped found the Mizrahi religious Zionist movement in Rumania. He narrowly escaped death in the infamous Tassy massacre in 1941 when his two sons were killed. During World War II he was active in the Zionist underground.

He came to Israel in 1961 and founded the Ya'akov Yosef synagogue in north Tel Aviv, named after his two sons. He published many books and papers on halachic and Zionist subjects.

The funeral will leave at 1 p.m. today from the Municipal Funeral Parlour at Rehov Dafna here for the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery. (Ithm)

PETROL. — Attendants at a petrol station in Brussels were baffled by the continual disappearance of their supplies — until firemen uncovered a disguised air raid shelter beneath the station flooded with 60,000 litres of petrol and oil.

Builder says park cut by Jerusalem hotel is hardly used anyway

By ABRAHAM BAKINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Plaza Hotel, dubbed recently by Mayor Teddy Kollek as "the height of ugliness," was increased in height by four storeys at the request of the Council for a Beautiful Jerusalem, the promoters said Friday. Michael Teour, managing director of the Israel Corporation, told a press conference the hotel on King George had originally been designed as an 18-storey building, four of the storeys below street level. He read a letter, written three years ago by Yehuda Haetzrachi, chairman of the Jerusalem branch of the Council for a Beautiful Jerusalem, in which Mr. Haetzrachi requested that the building be made skinner and taller. The building was duly narrowed and raised to 22 storeys, Mr. Teour said. Mr. Haetzrachi last year called for limiting the hotel to 10 storeys and payment of compensation to the promoters.

Mr. Haetzrachi last night conceded he had sent the letter. But had his organization been as strong three years ago as it is now, the hotel in the park would not have been built at all.

He said Mr. Teour was "mis-using" in an ugly fashion "a suggestion made by the council" to lessen the damage after it was learned that the building had received all the requisite permits. "Beauty is a matter of taste," said Mr. Teour. "I think the building will contribute to the beauty of Jerusalem." He termed the sketches done by architect Art Kitcher showing the Plaza dominating the Old City as a libellous distortion. When a reporter pointed out that the hotel did dominate Independence Park, Mr. Teour said the park was hardly used in any case except on Independence Day and Saturdays and that the hotel would make of it a centre of activity.

From the roof of the hotel both the Dead Sea and Mediterranean can be seen on a clear winter's day, Mr. Teour said. The public however, will have no access to the roof.

During a press tour of the building, architect Mordechai Ben-Horin said that one dunam of the park had been given to the hotel for its

swimming pool. In compensation, he said, a strip in front of the hotel on King George will be planted with greenery and open to the public. A new road will be built along the western edge of the park to permit access to the hotel from the area of the Solal Bosh building opposite the Jewish Agency.

The press conference was called to mark completion of the building shell. The original target date for completion of the building interior was October, 1974, but Mr. Teour said, new construction methods will permit the \$14 million hotel to be ready for guests by next Passover.

The Plaza will be a five star apartment hotel. It will have 180 regular hotel rooms plus 68 apartments ranging from one to four rooms which are being sold to foreign investors. They range in price from \$64,000 for a two-room apartment on a low floor to \$180,000 for a four-room apartment on an upper floor. So far 61 apartments have been sold.

The public controversy over the building's height, Mr. Teour said, had made people eager to buy in order to get the view. The apartments will be rented as regular hotel rooms or suites. Each room in an apartment has its own bathroom and there are can be rented separately. All together, there will be 414 rooms. Mr. Teour said many of the investors have already indicated they will not be using their apartments during the year.

He said the Israel Corporation is planning the establishment of a 2,500-room holiday village at Taba on the road to Sharm el-Sheikh just across the pre-1967 border. It would contain sports and cultural facilities including horse riding, tennis, theatre, as well as shops that will be open at night and a centre where people meet in the evenings. He said Israel must now prepare itself for a new type of tourist, not the traditional pilgrim but the vacationer seeking amusement and recreation.

Jewish studies meet 'No suicides on Masada'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"There were no suicides on Masada," said Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin of New York at a lecture presented to the Sixth World Congress of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem on Friday.

Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin, author and editor of "The Jewish Spectator," said the 36 Jews who defended the flat-topped rock near the Dead Sea 1,900 years ago "were not the kind to give up without fighting to the death against the Romans. Throughout history, Jews have resorted to suicide only when there was no possibility of resistance."

She said the situation of the Masada Sicarii ("the dagger-carriers") was far from desperate. "They commanded many strategic positions, including the storehouse compound and northern palace villa, where entry, according to Prof. Yigal Yadin, could be controlled by a single watchman at the gate."

Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin said the notion of suicide is based only upon the writings of Josephus, "who manipulated and distorted the Jewish history by inventing the speeches of the Jewish commander, Eleazar Ben-Yair, in order to please his Roman masters."

She maintained that the archaeological finds of Prof. Yadin did not disprove her theory, but in fact supported it. "If, as Yadin submits, the defenders punctiliously observed Jewish law at Masada, why did they not bury the bodies of their women and children and make provision for their own burial as well?" asked Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin.

Several in the audience expressed interest in her presentation but disagreed with her thesis. Dr. Moshe David Herr of Jerusalem discounted her question about the lack of burial by saying, "It is the task of the living to see that the dead are buried, and not those who know they are about to die."

Golf competition

CAESAREA. — In yesterday's individual Stableford golf competition, the "A" division was won by Noah Frank of Ramat Gan with 40 points followed by Ely Golan of Herzliya Pithul also with 40 points but losing on the back nine. The "B" division was won by Uri Elion of Zehala with 41 points followed by Mrs. Tamiko Kishimoto of the United Nations in Jerusalem with 38 points.

Bus co-op member held for extortion

TEL AVIV. — A member of Tel Aviv's Den Bus cooperative is being held on suspicion of trying to extort IL5,000 a month from a bus-cleaning contractor.

Michael Karamin, bus-cleaning supervisor at Dan's Galei Gil lot, admitted the charge in Tel Aviv's Magistrates' Court on Thursday, pleading that it was his first offence. Police said further arrests are expected.

They asked that Karamin be held for 15 days pending a search for forged documents connected with the case. Judge Boris Rapoport, finding this excessive, set the remand at five days.

According to police, Karamin some time ago approached the contractor in charge of cleaning work at the lot and urged him to pay him IL5,000 a month. In return, the contractor would be furnished with receipts for fictitious extra work.

The contractor informed the Den management; with their approval he gave Karamin a check for IL2,200, receiving in return lists of jobs he never performed.

Karamin insisted on cash after that, police said, and on August 15 received another IL1,000. Police, informed in advance, were on hand, and arrested him. (Ithm)

Work starts on new terminal at Haifa port

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Work on a new IL2m. passenger terminal began in the port last week. Its construction was approved in the fifties but always delayed.

The terminal will be built at the north end of the bridge linking Flumer square (outside the railway station) with the quay. The ground level will be left free for the movement of goods only. The terminal will cover 3,400 square metres of floor space, including a passenger hall, restaurant, cafeteria, post office, bank branch, customs, police and Jewish Agency and port management offices, all to be air-conditioned.

The plan was designed by Prof. S. G. Hadad. The work, executed by Solal Bosh, is expected to take two years.

West German Minister due

BONN (INA). — The West German Minister of Labour, Walter Arendt, is to visit Israel next month at the invitation of his Israeli counterpart, Yosef Almog. Mr. Almog was in Bonn in April.

ZIP. — A zip fastener featuring a peace sign motif has been banned by the South African censors.

IL250,000 bail set for Haifa lawyer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — District Court Judge Gershon Shamir on Friday ordered a Haifa attorney, Israel Yehuda, under remand for misappropriation of over IL200,000 of his clients' money, released against his own signature on a IL250,000 bond. However, the court gave the District Attorney three days to appeal the release.

The proceedings were tense, with a number of sharp exchanges between the accused and Assistant District Attorney Yehuda Reshef. Yehuda at one stage argued it was inadmissible that the Court became "a rubber stamp for the District Attorney's office."

Reshef said Yehuda was charged with having defrauded his clients of IL208,000. The accused had gone to London and failed to return to Israel even after learning legal proceedings had been started against him.

Moreover, he had then gone from London to Rhodesia, with which Israel has neither diplomatic relations nor an extradition agreement.

Yehuda countered that he had left when there was no charge against him. When he reached Africa he notified the Israel consul in Johannesburg of his whereabouts and of his readiness to stand trial whenever wanted. He received no reply when he made inquiries through his attorney in Rhodesia as to whether there were any charges against him.

He had then left Rhodesia and returned to Israel of his free will, though he could have stayed away. Reshef replied that he had been expelled from Rhodesia under police escort.

Lawyer charged with theft of reparations

HAIFA. — A Nahariya lawyer has been charged with stealing money from a client awarded DM20,000 in German reparations, and with failing to transfer foreign currency to Israel.

Rudolf Samuel Cohen, 58, is alleged to have represented Ben-Zion Teitelbaum in a reparations claim case in 1963. The claim was successful, and at the beginning of 1972 the German Government paid Cohen DM20,000 on behalf of his client. He is alleged to have placed the money in his own account at a German bank, without notifying Teitelbaum that the award had been made.

After Teitelbaum found out, Cohen was alleged to have tried to withhold the money from his client. He eventually agreed to pay him in instalments. The prosecution states that not all the money has been turned over.

Cohen was also charged with failing to notify the Israeli authorities that he was holding foreign currency in an overseas bank account. (Ithm)

Six villagers held for murder

IKSAL. — Six residents of Iksal village near Nazareth were arrested yesterday on suspicion of murdering a village woman.

At around midnight on Friday, a man from Iksal reported to Afeka police that he had returned home from a wedding to find his wife, Samira Mahmud Darazuka, 18, lying dead outside the bathroom with a "poisonous substance" next to her.

Police investigators began to doubt his story when they discovered marks of violence on the body, findings which were corroborated by the woman's death. Accordingly, six relatives of the dead woman were arrested on suspicion of murder.

"Ithm" adds that the murder appears to have been committed against a background of family honour.

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Soviet guards bar Jews from game as Cuba beats Israel

MOSCOW (UPI). — With large numbers of Soviet Jews barred from the arena by soldiers and police, Israel bowed to Cuba yesterday in a heavily guarded basketball game at the World University Games. In another event, Israel's volleyball team beat Mongolia 3-0.

As nearly 115 Soviet army dragoons, dressed in blue sweat shirts and white caps, surrounded the court, the Israelis were beaten by a smoother, faster Cuban team, 81-63. Outside the arena, however, scores of fans — many of them Soviet Jews — waved their tickets of admission frantically, only to be ignored by the somber-faced police and soldiers.

"It's a little sad," said Adin Talbar, the Israeli representative to the International Federation of Student Sports, organizer of the games. "They think we're here for politics, but we just came to compete."

Talbar told Israeli radio over the telephone on Friday that the Soviet authorities were behaving "correctly" to the Israeli delegation. The Israelis were heavily guarded, he said, but they did not have the feeling they were under special surveillance. He said the president and secretary-general of the federation had tried to discuss the ban of Soviet Jews from the games with the Soviet authorities, but had received no reply.

The Cuban team, bronze medalist at the Olympics last summer, had little trouble defeating the Israelis. With forward Franklin Standard leading the way with 15 points, Cuba got off to an early 30 to 10 lead, pressing menacingly and controlling both backboards.

"We've got two good players and they've got 10," lamented Israeli coach Joshua Rosen, whose only bright spot of the day was the 30-point performance of his star forward, Samuel Avishar.

Israel's volleyball team defeated Mongolia in three straight games, 15-12, 15-9, and 15-6.

In addition, Yury Vishnitsky qualified for the 1,500 metres final, clocking 3 min. 48.8 sec.

Protest over Soviet Jewish cemetery

NEW YORK (JWA). — The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America has reported a protest to Soviet officials over the "elimination of the Jewish identity of the Jewish Cemetery in Malakhovka" which is about 24 kms. from Moscow.

Harold Jacobs, president, sent telegrams of protest to Soviet Ambassadors Anatoly Dobrynin in Washington and Yakov Malik at the United Nations. Jacobs said an officer of his organization, now travelling in Russia, had reported that he had seen workmen removing the boundary markers which delineated the Jewish Cemetery's borders, and that burials were being made in the Jewish Cemetery "in complete disregard of its Jewish character."



Gymnast Olga Korbut of the Soviet Union performs back somersault on the beam during the university games in Moscow. (AP radiophoto)

Makarios confident Grivas men on run

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Informed sources here said President Makarios is confident it has got the anti-Makarios underground groups, organized by General George Grivas, on the run after a series of successful raids by the commando-style police tactical reserve unit in various towns and villages. Courts in Nicosia and Limassol are busy every day with inquiries or remand hearings involving dozens of men charged with conspiracy against the state and with armed raids, ambushes or the possession of illegal weapons.

The latest haul by the tactical reserve unit in Limassol last week included documents telling Grivas men to lie low when they were warned of tactical reserve raids. The main object was to save their arms and explosives from capture, the documents said, according to local papers yesterday.

The latest violence came when bombs destroyed two vehicles — a bus and a Landrover — in a village in southwest Cyprus early yesterday. In Nicosia, gunmen in a car fired a long burst from a machinegun at a building.

A flood of information is reaching the security forces about the activities of Grivas supporters and their hideouts, the sources said. The

Taiwan Chinese ping pong team in Peking

TOKYO (AP). — A table tennis team of Taiwan Chinese in the U.S. has arrived in Peking to take part in the Asian-African-Latin American table tennis tournament on August 27-September 7, the official Hsinhua News Agency reported yesterday. Hsinhua, in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo, said the Chinese team from the U.S. was met at the airport on Thursday by Li Meng-hua, leading member of the State Physical Culture and Sports Commission.

Gunmen kill Ulster man

BELFAST (UPI). — Police stepped up their security in the town of Portadown yesterday after a gunman killed a 36-year-old married Protestant and a mob beat up six policemen.

Police attributed the shooting death of Trevor Holland early yesterday to another random attack by gunmen who have killed 13 persons within the past year in Portadown, 35 kms. southwest of Belfast. Holland, who was shot from a passing car, was the 866th fatality in the four years of violence in Northern Ireland.

Shortly after his death, a mob beat up six policemen in a post-midnight riot outside a dance hall in Portadown. Two of the officers were seriously injured in the disturbance before reinforcements broke up the mob.

Filipino Moslems assured help of Islamic group

MANILA (AP). — Visiting Moslem envoys have assured Moslems in the Southern Philippines of assistance from the Islamic Conference and warned that all Moslem countries trying to make use of Islam, the government-owned Philippine News Agency said yesterday.

Reporting from Marawi City, some 800 kms. south of Manila, PNA said the Moslem visitors reminded the Filipino Moslems that all Moslem countries banned communism although they may have relations with communist countries. This is because Islam is incompatible with communism, they said.

The Moslem mission said the Islamic Conference is comprised of 82 countries with a population of 550 million.

Mission members said their governments were prepared to enter into positive agreements that could help ensure the success of the Philippine government's programmes for Mindanao, the report said. It said they expressed special concern for those who have been displaced by the fighting in the area.

Picasso prints stolen from French chateau

AVIGNON, France (Reuters). — Thirty Picasso prints valued at 500,000 francs (115,000,000) were stolen from a chateau near here yesterday, police said.

The prints, as well as two paintings by Desmoyers and a lithograph by De Manesier, were taken from the Chateau de Simiane by two thieves, police said. They added that one thief had obviously hidden in the chateau overnight and let his accomplice in through a small window.

The prints, lent by a gallery in Paris for an exhibition at the chateau, were not fully insured.

Pakistan's worst flood may inundate province

KARACHI (Reuters). — Pakistan Government officials of Sind Province yesterday agonized over where to smash the giant embankment lining the swollen Indus River — since whatever area is chosen would be doomed to widespread flooding.

The roaring Indus, which cuts right through the province, is proving too much for flood control gates to handle. Experts say unless the embankments are breached somewhere above the Sukkur Barrage, 350 kms. north of Karachi, the gates will be smashed.

But irrigation experts say a breach on the left of the river would cause major devastation down as far as Hyderabad. If done on the other side, Larkana — home town of Premier Ali Bhutto — and areas round Dadu all the way to Manchar Lake would be inundated. The floods — worst in Pakistan's history — have already wreaked havoc in rich Punjab Province. Aside from a dead and missing

toll that newspapers say is in the thousands, and reports of cholera, malaria and dysentery outbreaks, the Foreign Ministry said on Friday the economy has already been ruined.

Now the Indus, swollen by the deluge in the Punjab, is threatening Sind. River embankments have been continually raised over the past 40 years because the water level has risen due to silting — to the point now where the river level is higher than the surrounding countryside.

The maximum discharge capacity of the Sukkur Barrage, built in 1932, is 900,000 cubic feet of water per second. But officials yesterday expected the volume to reach up to 1,400,000 cubic feet.

Authorities therefore fear that unless the embankments are blown up, diverting some water, the barrage will be swept away — destroying the headworks of Sind's major irrigation system.

FLOODS MENACE MEXICO DAMS

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Mass evacuations were taking place yesterday as widespread floods in Mexico, which have claimed at least 20 lives, threatened to burst four dams.

About 100,000 people had been forced to leave their homes, according to reports from the army, police and the Red Cross, as heavy rain continued in many regions but abated in the north.

An unknown number of people, last accurately reported by the authorities to be nearly 50, were missing.

Hundreds of houses were destroyed and at least 1,000 more were uninhabitable. Typhoid and whooping cough broke out in the north and rescuers flew in medicines, sometimes by helicopter.

The Santa Paz dam, in Nayarit state on the Pacific coast northwest of this capital, and the El Conejo, La Gavia and La Hlave dams near the town of Irapuato, 250 kms. northwest of here, were in danger of bursting.

Dozens of towns and villages have already been evacuated. Many more were isolated, some without even telephone communications after storms brought the wires down, and the situation of their inhabitants was not known.

Roads and railways were severely damaged in at least one of the states affected. Crops worth more than 11,400m. were in danger. It has been raining for more than two weeks in some regions.

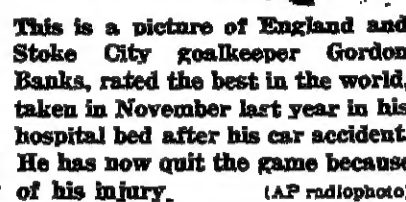
French N-test due next week

WELLINGTON (UPI). — New Zealand has no further plans to send a warship to protest the French nuclear testing around Mururoa Atoll in the Pacific Ocean, Defence Minister Arthur Faulkner said yesterday. More French tests are expected some time next week.

In Papeete, Tahiti, David McTaggart, Canadian captain of the nuclear protest ship Greenpeace Three, claimed yesterday he was brutally beaten by French Navy commandos who boarded the ship in the French danger zone.

McTaggart was flown to a Papeete military hospital after the incident on Wednesday, some 23 kms. from the nuclear test site. The Greenpeace Three was towed away by the French Navy while four other crew members, including two women, were taken to Hao Atoll, midway between Papeete and Mururoa.

Sources close to the French military said a supersonic Mirage fighter bomber is to drop a miniaturized tactical atom bomb next week in the last French nuclear test of the current series.



This is a picture of England and Stoke City goalkeeper Gordon Banks, who was injured during a game.

Banks, 34, was at the height of his career as Stoke City and England international goal keeper when he lost the sight of his right eye in a collision last October.

After extensive hospital treatment he made a big effort to get back into top flight soccer again for the new British season which starts next Saturday. But after going on a tour to Australia and New Zealand with his club, he said he was forced to admit his reactions were not as fast as were essential for a goalkeeper.

"I've tried tremendously hard since I came out of hospital and it is just a matter of being so close and yet so far away," said Banks. "I'm hoping to be able to make a comeback and, if I had been an outfield player, I am sure I would have been able to carry on," he said.

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A SCHOLAR'S DREAM

Computers aid Jewish studies

By JUDY SIEGEL

ONE of the world's oldest fields of knowledge — Jewish studies — and one of the newest research instruments — the computer — have been teamed up by scholars attending the Sixth World Congress of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. They believe that this odd marriage will revolutionize the collection and cataloging of information and allow researchers time for less tedious and more important endeavours.

Prof. Menahem Mansoor, chairman of the Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin, plans to produce an automated bibliography of all books, periodicals and pamphlets written in any language on a Jewish subject. He has begun with 326 titles published since 1900, but says that the total will reach three million items by 1976.

"Anyone who has done research knows that the actual writing takes much less time than sifting through over card catalogues and hunting for source material. If Prof. Mansoor's dreams are realized, someone who wishes to find information on 'The Status of Jews in Arab Countries,' for example, will receive a bibliographical list from the computer in a few seconds or minutes, complete with author, publisher, date and language of publication and the number of pages.

Simple terms

"The process of preparing the material for the computer is complicated, but it can be explained in simple terms," says Prof. Mansoor. "Our project assistants gather the sources from standard bibliographical indexes and then meet together in weekly sessions to choose key words for each entry. Admittedly, the success of the project depends upon the suitability of the key words and the completeness of the indexes, but the technique is much faster and more accurate than those of a manual search.

"It allows cross-references, the addition of new material and the correction of the old at any time, and the computer stores it instantly on magnetic tape wherever it is. The 'longs,' continues Prof. Mansoor, the information can also be transmitted by teletype or telephone hook-up to people in other cities or countries. "I once thought the computer was a monster," says Prof. Mansoor with a smile, "but now we've become friendly. Its benefits to writers, researchers and students are endless."

A six-year-old joint pilot project

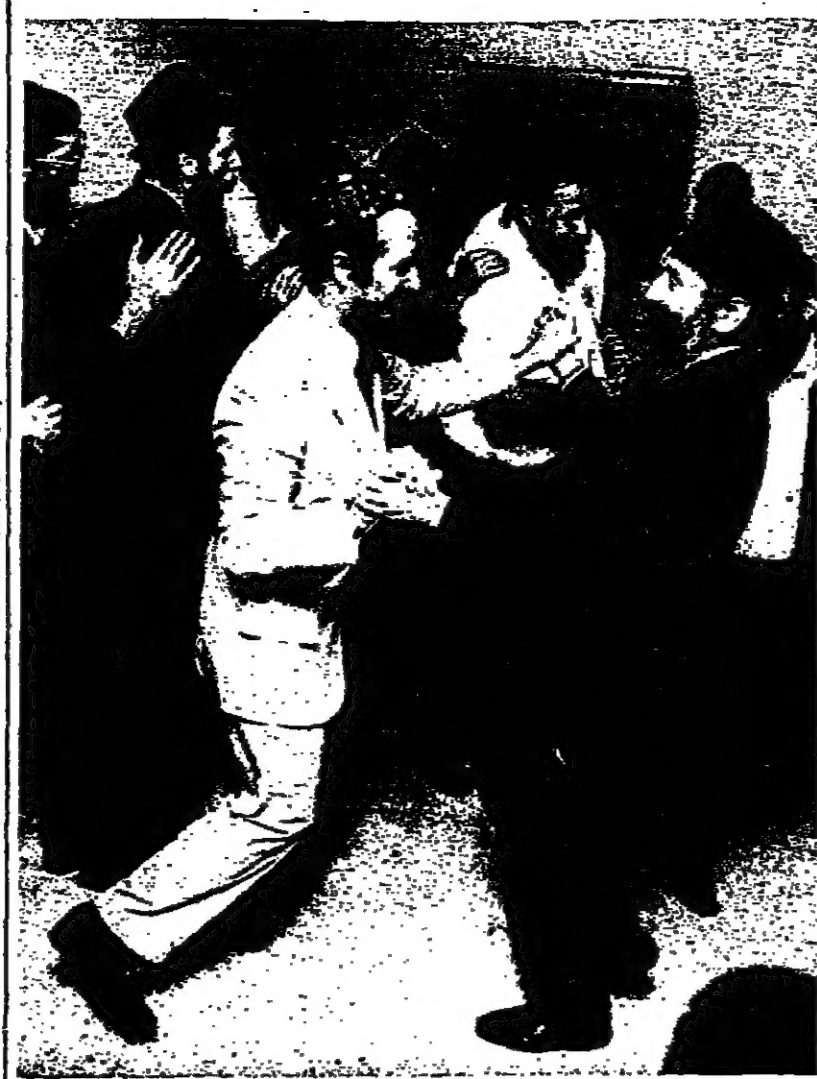
of Bar-Ilan University and the Weizmann Institute of Science is also involved with methods of retrieving and storing information by computers, but it is much more intensive. Conducted by Prof. Aviezer Fraenkel with the assistance of Mr. Menahem Slas, it seeks to index the Responsa literature, a collection of 2,500 books of questions and answers on Jewish law dating back to the third century. "They are invaluable to rabbis, judges, historians, legislators and students," explains Mr. Slas, "because they touch upon modern, real-life problems. However, they are difficult texts, and very scattered and disorganized. We have already taken the full texts of 19 books written since the 13th century and totalling 3½ million words for storage in our computer." The texts are punched into cards and electronically imprinted onto magnetic tapes, each containing up to five million words.

Conjugating verbs

English, with its abundant store of distinct words, is relatively simple to index. The Hebrew language, however, has only a few hundred different roots, and they are embellished and stretched into a comparably-sized vocabulary by adding other letters at the beginning, the end and in the middle. So the indefatigable researchers taught their computer to conjugate verbs in all tenses and constructions, and they met with considerably more success and fewer complaints than a teacher of a beginner's Upan class. The computer scans its memory bank in a flash and lists the exact location of every key word or phrase that is requested.

"The material is tested periodically for accuracy," says Mr. Slas, "and any mistakes can easily be corrected." They pitted a control group of post-graduate yeshiva students against the computer and asked them to search for about 100 topics in the Responsa. The results — the humans found 73 per cent of the available material after several months and the machine came up with 98 per cent in a few minutes.

In an age of "bugging" scandals, automation and science fiction thrillers, some people have developed a heightened awareness — and a fear — of the power of machines to rule our lives. After Mr. Slas's lecture, several in the audience questioned man's ability to bridge the awesome ability of the computer. Mr. Slas discounts such anxiety. "The computer is only a tool used by human beings, and it can yield only what is put into it."



N.Y. Congressman Ogden Reid danced with Hassidim at Kfar Habad when he visited there on Thursday.

FINNISH ARMY LACKS MONEY

HELSINKI (UP). — The Finnish soldier on manoeuvres grins his teeth and charges the enemy. As he gets close, he points his rifle and yells, "bang, bang."

Anti-aircraft gunners don't have a chance to practise shooting down flying objects. The army said it costs too much to fly a plane to haul an object for them to shoot it down.

Both these cases were reported in the Armed Forces Review of 1973. The report said the army has only half the blank cartridges it needs for manoeuvres, because of rising costs. Soldiers must now yell "bang, bang" to indicate they are firing their rifles, men who left the service this year said. Moreover, the army has only half the special explosives it needs for manoeuvres. The field artillery said it was in a better situation since it was still using the 30,000 surplus shells from

World War II. The Navy reported it had to cancel more than half its planned manoeuvres because of a lack of money, and that it had trouble keeping personnel since they would rather leave to join the Merchant Marine for more money.

The Air Force said its basic needs for new equipment had been met, but rising costs and inflation made servicing the equipment difficult. According to the report, 13-15 planes were inactive awaiting servicing, and about 40 engines. The Air Force also complained of losing personnel to civil aviation.

According to the Paris Peace Treaty of 1947, Finland's armed forces are limited to 41,900 men, but the present strength is less than that. They are not allowed to have weapons which could be used solely for offence, and the military has the official title of Defence Forces.

DANCE

Encounter with Nureyev

By DORA SOWDEN

NOW that the Royal Ballet season is over, I am excited to tell you that I had a tiff — almost — with Nureyev. I was attending a rehearsal in the Jerusalem Theatre by kind invitation of Mr. Peter Glegg, the ballet master, whom I knew from my South African days when he was directing the Past Ballet in Johannesburg.

When I arrived, Nureyev was on stage, apparently in an inquisitive mood, for he was making the other dancers laugh. I didn't hear then what he said, but when I sat down in the fourth row, he was advising a ballerina on her poses. "First time 'schrei' (and he put up his arms to express alarm), second time 'schweig' (he dropped them into repose)." That certainly helped her attitudes. They were rehearsing the moves with the music. Nureyev stopped the pianist. "At that speed," he said to the conductor, "I'll crumble." At a second try, he said "That's acceptable."

Suddenly he caught sight of my pencil. "Who is that?" he asked pointing at me. "Who is that woman?" — and he rushed off stage towards me. "I thought it was arranged there should be no press. Are you a newspaper-woman?" he demanded. "Yes," I said. "I have written about you many times. I even wrote you a letter when I was in London and you didn't answer."

Faun-face

A glimmer of a smile crossed his faun-face and he shook my outstretched hand. "What did you write now?" he demanded. "I wrote that the music was acceptable," I replied. Again that glimmer of a smile as he replied, "If you write, we don't rehearse" — but his voice was softer. "Very well, I won't write now. I came because I am interested in dance," I said. He gave a quick, almost friendly nod — and rushed back on stage.

He began rehearsing "Le Corsaire" duet with Vyvyan Lorraine. Usually, at such rehearsals, the soloists do not go all out. They make token motions for their solo variations — but Nureyev made his spectacular leaps and turns and his wide-travelling jets with the same thrilling vigour he showed that night in the Binyanei Ha'Ooma. Was he perhaps doing it for me? I like to think so.

ONE hundred and 58 dancers registered for the Rubin Academy Summer School in Jerusalem this year — the highest

number yet. They came from as far north as Gstaad and Kitzbühel and as far south as Arad and Beersheba. They came from abroad, as well as the bigger centres here.

They attended classes in classical and character dance, jazz and tap, dance therapy and choreography — and music relation to dance. They crowded the studio in the Rubin Academy and overflowed into Hillel House. There were up to 20 sessions a day — never less than 12. There were evening sessions too — a symposium on dance and music in which many of the visiting teachers took part, a ballet film "Romeo and Juliet" discussed by Joan Cass, a talk on the significance of dance therapy by Shirley Weiner.

Lovely things

For a fortnight, lovely young things in leotards and tights could be seen fitting down Smolenskin Street between Hillel House and the Rubin Academy, as they went from class to class.

The effect of these summer courses has begun to be noticeable. The participants are not only more numerous but slimmer — and quicker on the uptake. "I was pleasantly surprised," said Flora Cushman, the American modern dance and choreography teacher (who came from the London School of Contemporary Dance). "The standard was higher than I was led to believe. It was good to find so many young ones in the advanced classes."

What was also good to find was that the number of male students had increased. I counted five at one session. As there were evening sessions, there was only one this is a 500 per cent increase.

In the classical class, it was a pleasure to watch Robert Verbrugge. One must admit that the 45 students around him did not capture the spring and style he showed. But they tried. He has been here before, dancing in the Batsheva company, so he threw in a few words of Hebrew to help them along. He had come from teaching and dancing in the U.S.A. and his next assignment will be as balletmaster for a dance company (state-subsidised) in Rotterdam. Robert Verbrugge is a Dutchman.

Anne Wilson's tap classes were, as always, dynamic. But of all the classes, I was most interested in those of Olga Danemus, the new immigrant from Moscow, who is an expert in character dance. Her classes were not only a lesson in dance styles but a kind of education in dance history. For instance, she explained why the Russians hold the hands shaped into fists when the arms are akimbo, and how a simple forward step developed into a dance routine.

Shirley Weiner's dance therapy classes were real fun — everyone lying on the floor to relax, stroking themselves to get a good feeling, clapping themselves to get lively, calling out names for friendliness. (She will teach at Kfar Nahshim.)

Something new

In the classes for the interrelation of music and dance, Dora Sanders of Cincinnati offered something different and, as the students said, something new and helpful. She showed the class how to improvise at the piano and on the floor.

But the surprise of the course came from a visiting couple — Fanchon and Bonita Shur, of Seattle. He is a composer who lived in Israel for 11 years before going to the U.S.A. about 15 years ago. She is an American-born dancer-choreographer. Together they have evolved a code of intercommunication between modern dance of which they gave a demonstration class. It was so effective that Hania Levy-Agron (who caught them "on the wing," so to speak) may ask them to come back next year. This time, they were not here long enough to give more than a sample of their system. They call their classes "multi-dimensional dance."

Spectacular show, but basically simple

The Ballet Folklorico of Mexico, Jerusalem, August 14.

THE Ballet Folklorico of Mexico presents a spectacular show. Whirling, colourful skirts and scarves dazzle the eye, while the drums and

drums of mariachi bands excite the ear. At the opening performance in Jerusalem on Tuesday, it took some time to make out the dance figures through the endless yards of hot pink, neon green and sparkling white fabrics. It was like trying to discern patterns in a fireworks display.

Basically, the Mexican material arranged by director Amalia Hernandez is simple, as is most folk dance. The style emphasizes rapid, tricky, staccato footwork, with little movement for upper body and arms. High spirits have free reign, and the content focuses on celebration and dramatic, occasionally spiced by a jealous rivalry.

There is always something to divert the attention. In addition to the special exuberance of outstanding couples, there is a sword fight that strikes impressive sparks; an all-male group sporting gigantic feathered headdresses; a couple who tie a bow with their feet, while jiggling over a green ribbon; streamers of confetti thrown into the audience, sending children running down the aisle, to join in the party; the lively musicians on stage. These presentations, like "Guajolotas," "Veracruz," "Wedding in Huasteca," and "Jalisco" were skilfully performed with animation and good humour by anonymous dancers whose names weren't even listed in the programme.

Deer dance

One boy whose name I would have liked to mention, gave an exciting portrayal in "The Deer Dance" of an animal pursued and then shot by two hunters. Here at least was a whole being, in the fear and agony of death, and at the same time in dynamic, virtuosic dance.

To vary the pace, the rousing, stamping holiday numbers were interspersed with scenes of Mexican pageantry and legend. "Mass of Chamula" featured a drawn-out procession of incense bearers. "Life is But a Game" had the grandy primitivism of old village art, and a nice slow-motion first act, although much of it seemed to me pretentious and even clumsy. In "The Olmecs," the ensemble, clothed in tights and helmets, were revealed at their weakest: their are not the sleek, expressive torsos of ballet or modern dancers, and are best left covered with elaborate costumes.

The company's forte is undoubtedly the direct, open communication of festive gaiety. Pleasantly sung selections of Mexican folk ballads rounded out the programme.

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THE WOMEN'S LIB BACKLASH

By PEGGY BAKER

LONDON (EWP). —

I KNEW he believed in Women's Lib," said my friend, "because he walked into the room in front of me, did not hold the door open for me, and did not politely usher me into a chair." The fact that these gentle courtesies, which men have offered to women for many hundreds of years, may soon disappear for emancipated girls, is not by any means the only change that has come about. Women's Lib is having some fairly alarming side effects — kickbacks, stings in the tail — and we women are gradually learning that to be treated just like a "guy" can have some drawbacks too.

Justice Ormrod, "and it is wrong that there should be financial ties unless there is a clear case of the wife needing continuing support. The marriage failed completely, maybe through no-one's fault, and they parted in a year," he added. "Plainly in such cases and at this time unless there are children or a wife is suffering a handicap so that she cannot support herself, it is not a case to make any kind of maintenance order other than a nominal one."

A free meal ticket

This decision was in line with another recent case where a judge made his feelings about the outcome of emancipation known even more bluntly. "These days," he said tersely, "wives can no longer look on marriage as a free meal ticket for life."

Mrs. Pamela Griffiths, a wealthy English housewife, felt a financial backlash from Women's Lib recently when she was ordered by a judge to give her less affluent ex-husband a substantial share of her income.

In what other ways is Women's Lib having an unexpectedly adverse effect on women? According to Mr. W.H. Kendal, Director of the Merseyside Council of Alcoholism, since Women's Lib has arrived to stay more women have developed a drinking problem. "It would seem that more equality, with its added strains, and more pay with its added freedoms, are leading to more heavy drinking by British women," he said. "A few years ago one alcoholic in nine was a woman. Now the figure is one in five."

Next a warning to women from American doctor George Ginsberg about what could eventually become the most serious problem caused by the liberation of women. "Greater sexual freedom and the Women's Lib movement are combining to increase the number of young and middle-aged men all over the world seeking psychiatric help for impotence," the doctor said. "The more aggressive and demanding role played by many women today is making these men seriously doubt their masculinity and virility."

Russia wants a baby boom

By DEV MURKIN

MOSCOW, (Ones). —

THE Soviet Union is in the extraordinary position of having to worry about a falling birth-rate when the rest of the world, particularly the developing countries, worries about a high birth-rate and the menace of over-population.

In the 12 years between January 1959 and January 1971, the total population of Russia grew by only 15.8 per cent. At the time of the last census in January 1972 the total population was 246.3 million. The U.S. Commerce Department has estimated that in the past seven years the Soviet population has grown by 2.4 million every year and by the year 2000 could be between 292 million and 348 million.

So there is going to be no dramatic rise in the birth-rate. There is no sign that the authorities are planning any spectacular measures to persuade people to have more than one or two children, which seems to be the norm here, especially where the Russian and European ethnic groups are concerned.

High-level directives

Nevertheless, the authorities are aware of a problem. They have issued directives at the highest party level to provide more social and financial benefits to families coping with children. This seems to be directed more towards families with a large number of children than to the average couple.

Soviet demographers are not happy over this state of affairs. They recognise that a rise in the birth-rate is possible only if living conditions improve considerably, particularly housing. Otherwise people will simply go on refusing to have more children no matter how much they are urged.

This contention is partly borne

out by the differences in birth-rate between different republics. In Muslim republics the rate is high. It ranges up to 46 per cent in Tajikistan and 38 per cent in Azerbaijan, compared with a national average birth rate of 36 per cent and only 11 per cent in the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic, which comprises 76 per cent of the land area of the U.S.S.R., but contains only about half (130 million) the Union's total population.

The striking fact is that all Russian and European republics have extremely low birth-rates, 16 per cent in Georgia being the highest. Armenia is the only exception with a 41 per cent growth. Experts point out that Moslems tend to marry earlier. But this is not the only explanation. There is a good deal in the attitude of the people themselves and it is evident that the Europeans

A bother

To assume that the Russians can be overcome by others, even if the present birth-rates remain stable for all nationalities, is to assume that

all other groups could combine for this purpose. Such a unity, purely on ethnic grounds, has no precedent in world history. There is likelihood at all that, say the Armenians and Azerbaijanians, who cordially dislike each other, could come together and raise banners of revolt against Moscow.

There are, of course, strong currents of nationalism in some Soviet republics and in many cases the insensitivity of Moscow itself contributes to a growth of nationalism. The Russians are not known for their tact in politics. But none of these nationalisms threatens Moscow's control.



A woman seems hesitant about buying fish at a shop in Tokyo recently after the Japanese Health and Welfare Ministry's warning that no one should eat more than 567 grams of fish a week to avoid the possibility of dangerous mercury poisoning. The Ministry issued the warning following reports that fish and shellfish found in waters in and around Japan have been contaminated with mercury and other chemical substances, discharged by industrial plants. Many Japanese depend on fish as their main source of protein.

ARABS DEFEND ISRAEL POLICY ON MINORITIES

By Lea Lovavi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ISRAELI Arabs can sometimes be even more forceful than Jews in denying accusations that the Jews in Israel mistreat the minorities. This was true, at least, in the case of a 22-man Jewish-Arab delegation which recently visited Germany and England. The members of the delegation, mostly educators and social workers over 25 years of age, belong to Brit Eretz Shom, a voluntary association fostering Jewish-Arab understanding.

Mrs. Dayan, president of the organization, and two other members of the delegation — one Jewish, one Arab — told me about their experiences when we met in Mrs. Dayan's Tel Aviv office.

Not South Africa

"When we met with the New Left in Germany, they accused us of treating the Arabs the way the South African whites treat the Africans," Mrs. Dayan said. "I've been in South Africa and I was about to reply angrily when Yusuf Hamis answered instead. He was more forceful than even I would have been." (Mr. Hamis is Deputy Director of the Histadrut's Arabic Department.)

Throughout much of our talks, Mrs. Dayan, president of the organization, and two other members of the delegation — one Jewish, one Arab — told me about their experiences when we met in Mrs. Dayan's Tel Aviv office.

sponsored youth organization). In Berlin they were guests both of the Jugendring and of the Jewish Center, the Senator responsible for Family, Sport and Youth.

Akiva: "The Senator met with us for over two hours and we had a good discussion on all kinds of social and educational problems. We also met the district directors of her ministry, and workers who deal directly with social and educational issues. We were also there to answer our questions."

They also met with German Jews and with Germans who had been in Israel.

Georgette: We Arabs asked them more embarrassing questions than did the Jewish members of the delegation. For instance, I asked one school principal how the Hitler period is taught in history classes. He tried to get out of answering by saying that not much is taught on the subject and that Hitler is presented as a 'historical figure like Napoleon.' I didn't like that answer. We also asked what Germany is doing to help solve the Middle East crisis. After all, they gave in on a border question. Why don't they tell that to the Arabs and persuade them to do the same?"

Hamis: "I think the most important thing our delegation proved was that Jews and Arabs could live together. Our hosts found that hard to believe. From their newspapers, they get the idea that we're at each other's throats all the time. Since we aren't official government representatives who make our living presenting a favourable picture of Israel, we had more of a chance of being believed. But I'm still not sure they fully believed us."

Mrs. Dayan: "Some of the leftists we met have been in Israel as guests of Rakah (the Communist Party), and they also love to quote Uri Avnery. We tried to present an other side of Israel and we made them promise that they would give us two days to show them our side next time they come to Israel."

Akiva had been particularly impressed by the way the Arabs in the delegation had participated fully with the Jews during their visit to the Dahan synagogue.

Home hospitality

They were all impressed by the personal interest shown them by German families who were their hosts. In addition to the planned home hospitality, these families offered to take members of the delegation shopping and arranged more intimate meetings of small groups at their homes.

Mrs. Dayan: "This personal family-to-family relationship is very important. If it can work out so well between Jews and Germans, why shouldn't it be tried between Jews and Arabs in Israel? Today, there isn't enough real communication between Jews and Arabs here."

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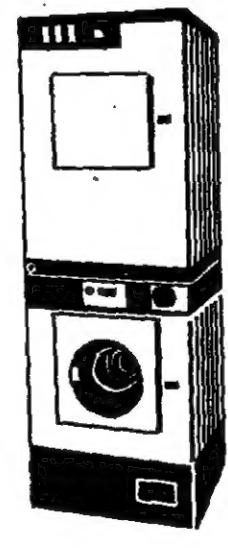
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Israel set to meet threat at ICAO

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Israel is bracing itself against a threat of a censure vote at an extraordinary session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council in Montreal tomorrow.

The text of a resolution tabled by the Lebanese delegation, which called for the session, would "strongly condemn Israel for violation of Lebanese sovereignty" by Israel's interception of a Lebanese Caravelle airliner on August 10.

The Lebanese draft would recommend to the ICAO assembly (convening in Rome at the end of this month) to put on its agenda "Israel's repeated violations" of the freedom of civil aviation.

It would further recommend to a diplomatic conference taking place in Rome simultaneously with the ICAO assembly, to make a provision in the ICAO Convention for "acts of unlawful interference in civil aviation committed by States." (The ICAO Convention at present only deals with interference with civil aviation by individuals.)

The Israeli team to the Montreal meeting includes: Doreen, who is deputy to U.N. Ambassador Yosef Tekoa; Ephraim Sussman, head of the Transport Ministry's Civil Aviation Department; and David Hefetz, Consul General in Montreal.

The ICAO comprises national airlines and governmental aviation agencies. Voting at the ICAO is by simple majority.

Airlines face boycott threat by Arab union

CAIRO (UPI). — The Arab Transport Workers Federation has threatened to boycott airlines serving Israel, the Middle East News Agency reported.

The Federation's General Secretary met on Friday night and decided to "impose sanctions against Israel for the crimes of air piracy it has committed." The report referred to Israel's forcing down of an Arab airliner on August 10.

Sabet al-Sefari, Federation official, said the sanctions include a call on all foreign airlines to cancel their flights to Israel. Airlines refusing to heed the Arab call will face total boycott in the air space and airports of all Arab countries.

Foreign airlines, diplomatic missions in Cairo and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim have been notified of the Federation's decision, Sefari said. In London, however, a Foreign Office spokesman said official notification of the threat had not yet been received and declined comment on what the British Government's attitude to it would be. In Stockholm, a Scandinavian Airlines System spokesman said the airline will adopt a "wait and see policy" towards the boycott threat.

Japanese 'thank you' team to M.E.

TOKYO (Reuters). — A Japanese Government team left Tokyo by air yesterday for the Middle East on a "thank you" mission.

The team, headed by Vice Foreign Minister Kiyoshi Mizuno, will visit Libya, Syria, Abu Dhabi and Dubai to thank their governments for their cooperation during the hijacking last month of a Japanese jumbo jet airliner.

The airliner was hijacked last July 20 over Europe while it was flying to Tokyo and diverted to Dubai where it remained for three days. The hijackers then forced the pilot to fly to Benghazi, Libya, where they blew up the plane on July 24 after releasing the 140 passengers and crew.

Water rationed in drought-hit Tokyo

TOKYO (UPI). — The Municipal government ordered water rationing to begin today in drought-hit Tokyo.

The decision came on Friday after a sharp decrease of water level in the capital's major reservoirs, which were only 40 per cent full as of Friday.

CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION last week rose by IL26,450,710, to stand at approximately IL2,490m., the Bank of Israel spokesman announced on Friday. Of this amount, IL1,040m. was held by gold and IL2,290m. by foreign currency reserves.

Japhet Bank Ltd.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Friday's Prices

SPOT RATES

Dollar 2.4570/80 per \$

DM 2.4750/80 per \$

Swiss Fr. 3.031/41 per \$

French Fr. 4.331/31 per \$

French Fr. 4.40/2 per \$

Lira 577/81 per \$

Belgian Fr. 37.74/9 per \$

Dutch Fl. 2.7190/2.7210 per \$

Yen 365.35/50 per \$

Gold Price: \$101.1/103.1

FORWARD RATES

1 Mo. 3 Mos. 6 Mos.

DM 2.4555/705 2.4550/710 2.4545/405

Sw. Fr. 3.031/25 2.9950/720 2.9950/700

2/3 2.4550/510 2.4550/520 2.4550/530

Chile commandeers strike-bound vehicles

SANTIAGO. — Chilean troops have commandeered more than 2,500 vehicles owned by striking truck and bus owners, the government announced here yesterday.

It was the first use of force by the left-wing government in its efforts to smash the 24-day-old strike which government spokesmen say is aimed at overthrowing President Salvador Allende.

A government committee responsible for transport issued a communiqué saying that more than 2,000 trucks and buses had been seized in the provinces, and an Economy Ministry spokesman said more than 500 vehicles had been requisitioned in compounds adjacent to Santiago.

The committee statement added that in Talca, 250 kms. south of here, about 50 vehicles had been handed over voluntarily to a military commissioner specially appointed to deal with the strike.

None of the vehicles has been moved yet.

The truckers have been on strike for 24 days. The government says their stoppage, costing about IL27m. a day and resulting in food and other shortages, is "purely political."

As a result of the strike, Chile's air force chief has pulled out of Mr. Allende's new Cabinet after failing to resolve the walk-out, various sources said yesterday. In return, Allende has asked that General Cesar Ruiz, 55, resign as air force chief, the sources claimed.

There was no official confirmation by either the leftist government or the air force about the reported resignation of Gen. Ruiz as Minister of Public Works and Transport. But the reports from various government sources were almost identical.

The general, named with the two other military services chiefs and the head of the uniformed police to a "national security" Cabinet, reportedly resigned on Friday night. (Reuters, AP)

Soviets strain to gather year's grain harvest

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet authorities yesterday appealed to regional farm directors to maintain round-the-clock grain collection and transport schedules as the country moved into the final phase of its battle to bring in this year's crops.

Throughout the southern and central granaries the harvest is ending but mowing has started in the eastern plains beyond the Urals which account for one-third of all farmland here.

"Pravda," the Soviet Party daily, reported that apart from thousands of conscripts and volunteers from towns and factories, Soviet army troops and party pensioners were rallying to the farms to lend an extra hand in harvesting this year's crops.

Strains imposed on farm machinery and on local rail transport had at times led to delays in collecting

huge mounds of grain stored in the open, "Pravda" said.

In the Novosibirsk area hundreds of harvest combines lacked spare parts.

The paper also appealed for special care — with food and housing — of volunteers to the virgin lands of Kazakhstan where harvesting has just begun.

Further appeals were directed at transport officials to ensure that harvesting machinery is transported rapidly from southern and western regions to the east.

One reason for mechanical trouble on Soviet farms is that on average tractors and harvesters travel four times the distance normal in harvest time of American farm machinery, due to the system of moving machinery from one belt to another.

U.S. inflation rate up to 7.3 per cent

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Government announced Friday that inflation during the second quarter of the year was higher than originally estimated, while real growth of the economy was somewhat less.

Revised statistics reported that the rate of inflation in the second quarter was at an annual rate of 7.3 per cent, compared with the earlier estimate of 6.8 per cent. The rate of inflation for the January through March quarter was 6.8 per cent.

Real economic growth during the second quarter was 2.4 per cent compared with the earlier estimate of 2.6 per cent and the whopping 8.7 per cent growth of the first quarter.

The figures are calculated from the gross national product, which is the measure of value of the economy's total output of goods and services.

The Government has been aiming for a moderate 4 per cent growth rate of the economy by the end of the year.

Although the second quarter growth was substantially below 4 per cent, administration economists generally have welcomed the cooling of the economy and predict that annual growth will be close to the target by the end of the year.

The Commerce Department also reported that before-tax profits of U.S. corporations increased during the second quarter by a sizeable \$10.5 billion to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$130 billion.

Sinatra back in show business with TV special

HOLLYWOOD (Reuters). — Frank Sinatra, 57, yesterday made his comeback to show business, beginning with actor Gene Kelly the way the pair did in the movie "Anchors Aweigh" 30 years ago.

Their dance routine was filmed at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios as part of a Sinatra television special.

Sinatra said he had received hundreds of letters and telephone calls asking him to start singing and acting again. Sinatra announced his retirement from show business two years ago saying he wanted time for "reflection, reading and self examination."

QUAKES. — Scientists have ascertained that there were 700 small earthquakes in the past year in Soviet Armenia, according to Tass.

Dollar strong

LONDON (AP). — The U.S. dollar dipped in most European currencies Friday but still closed the week with some of its best gains of the year. Gold prices rose.

The U.S. currency had advanced strongly for seven straight trading sessions. Dealers said higher U.S. interest rates and improved American balance of payments figures were attracting funds back into dollars.

Friday's small decline, dealers said, had been expected, as some short-term traders took profits on the week-long run-up. Market sources said the dollar's position Friday was still strong.

RUBLE DOWN

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet state bank will slightly increase the value of the U.S. dollar compared with the ruble, starting tomorrow.

The rate will go from 63.5 kopeks to the dollar to 71 kopeks. The ruble will cost 1.4084 dollars compared with 1.4598 as fixed August 1.

The rate change reflects recent strengthening of the dollar.

Since the ruble is not convertible outside the Soviet Communist bloc, the rate established by the Soviets is artificial. The dollar is worth four or five rubles in Western free markets.

100-year-old man commits suicide

HONOLULU (AP). — Police say a local man apparently committed suicide less than a month after he celebrated his 100th birthday.

The body of John Walker was found floating in Honolulu Harbour on Friday. A rope was tied tightly around his neck, and a household iron was tied to the other end of the rope.

Walker, a semi-invalid, was reported missing on Thursday night. He celebrated his centennial July 20.

COMMANDER. — Lt. Gen. Michael Mastantonis was yesterday appointed chief of the Greek army to replace General Dimitrios Zorogian, who became chief of the Greek Armed Forces on Friday.

Libya takes over more oil firms

NEW YORK (AP). — Three Western oil companies have announced separate agreements giving Libya 51 per cent participation in their oil operations in that country.

Continental Oil Co., Marathon Oil Co., and Amerasia Hess Corp. said last week they would be compensated for the take-over on the basis of the "net book value" of their Libyan properties.

Continental, which said its Libyan operations account for less than five per cent of its total revenues, said it expected to receive about \$37m. in compensation from the Arab state. Marathon placed its anticipated compensation at \$42m. while Amerasia Hess said it will receive approximately \$18m.

Libyan operations produce roughly 10 per cent of Marathon's total revenue, the firm said. The companies are all members

of the Oasis Oil Co., which handles their Libyan operations. Oasis is Libya's biggest oil producer, with more than 820,000 barrels a day.

Another Oasis company, the Royal-Dutch Shell group, has refused to settle with the Libyans as part of the negotiations, which Marathon called "long and difficult." Some observers see the

Shell group's reluctance to agree to negotiated compensation as part of a world-wide confrontation with the oil producing countries. Shell, unlike the other three, is a major international company, and the world's largest non-American based oil concern.

Earlier as part of the Libyan negotiations, Occidental Petroleum Corp. announced it had agreed to Libyan demands for a 51 per cent interest in return for a promise of \$135m. and uninterrupted supplies of crude oil.

Strike paralyses U.K. Chrysler

LONDON (AP). — Production at all Chrysler auto factories in Britain was at halt yesterday because of a strike by 150 electricians that has cut off supplies of engines and other key parts.

The shutdown will cost the U.S.-owned company an estimated \$2.5 million a day in lost production, sources said. The auto giant normally turns out about 6,000 cars a week.

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Sapir: Start made on 4-year rehousing plan

The Finance and Housing Minister has already started to implement Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's four-year plan for rehousing 55,000 families living in overcrowded conditions — Mr. Sapir told the Knesset Finance Committee on Friday.

Revealing the details of his plan, the Finance Minister said 40,000 families will be provided with new homes over the next four years. Another 3,000 will have their present homes enlarged, and the remaining 12,000 will receive loans of IL70,000 to purchase new apartments.

(IL15,000 will become a grant after the family has been in its new home for a certain length of time, and the balance will be repaid on easy terms over a long period.) Priority and incentives will be given to those families prepared to live in development towns, Mr. Sapir said.

The Finance Minister told the Committee that negotiations with the building contractors who will construct the new apartments will begin in the next few days. Arrangements will also be made with the 55,000 families living in overcrowded conditions — Mr. Sapir told the Knesset Finance Committee on Friday.

There will be sufficient building materials available during the next four years to enable completion of the project — some 8m. tons of cement will be produced in the next four years, so there should be no difficulty in finding the 500,000 tons needed for the new homes, said Mr. Sapir.

As for priorities, the Finance Minister said some 10,000 families living in homes with more than four persons to a room have already been located, and these will be accorded top priority. Some 2,900 apartments currently being built by the Housing Ministry will be placed at their disposal before the end of this year, and 3,000 families will receive loans to purchase new homes.

492nd suicide leaps from Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — The son of Maryland's Lieutenant Governor plunged to his death from the fog-shrouded Golden Gate Bridge on Friday — less than two hours before church bells began tolling in a memorial service for the span's 492 known suicides.

Pierre Boal Lee, 27, son of Lt. Gov. Blair Lee, broke away from two policemen and jumped over the span, which draws more suicides than any other bridge in the U.S. After Lee's plunge, a committee of bridge directors voted 4-2 to make the priority of a suicide barrier from "desirable" to "necessary" but not "urgent."

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SURPRISE IN THE AIR

THE air is full of surprises. Nobody has yet obtained any hint from Mahmoud al-Toum, the Libyan who hijacked an MEA passenger plane to Israel single-handed, why he considered this a proof of Arab friendship for Israel, and it seems likely that he will prove incapable of explaining himself at all.

With much of the Arab world insisting that al-Toum could not possibly be a Libyan and so must be an Israel agent — as first suggested by the Libyan ambassador to Iraq who chanced to be aboard the plane — perhaps the last thing to be expected was official confirmation from Libya of the man's identity, his motives and past record of instability. This has certainly helped to ease doubts raised, which were already being sagely echoed in the West. It was probably not done with the intention of helping us, any more than Habash's admission the week before that he had indeed intended to fly on the previous week's MEA plane, which was diverted to Israel in the hope of catching him.

The political rumour machine in Beirut has not failed us: just as the Americans are always declared to have been behind any successful Israeli action, so "the Soviets" are credited with having tipped off Habash that he should not fly on "008".

The international pilots' association has in the meanwhile been making the most for its own purposes of Israel's diversion of the Habash plane. It must be assumed that they are genuinely and seriously concerned over any interference with civilian air traffic, for their profession is sufficiently hazardous

without bomb threats and hijackings. Up to now their employers, the international airlines, have not permitted them to express themselves at all strongly on the subject, for fear of offending clients and associated airlines in the Arab world. Now that they can direct their protest first of all against Israel, however ridiculous even fraudulent that may be, they feel they might at last be able to pass some form of anti-hijack agreement.

The next surprise has already come in out of the air fields, if not the air. The Arab Transport Workers have threatened to boycott the planes of all airlines that also land in Israel. Some foreign air lines, which their governments are afraid to support on this issue, are already in a panic. It is not so much a matter of principle but of hard cash. The lines to Israel are profitable, and no national carrier really wishes to see Israel's El Al inherit all the traffic.

The issue first came up some years ago under the half-forgotten Arab Boycott regulations, but at that time the companies threatened joint action and reprisals against Arab airlines, always excepting Air France, which is part owner of several North African airlines.

Before any Western company wonders whether to bow this time before the threats of Libya-incited Egyptian organizations, they would do well to note that yesterday Dr. George Habash, in the name of his organization, denounced President Gaddafi of Libya as the worst fascist ruler of Libya since the days of Mussolini.

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HIJACK DRAMA

Devar (Histadrut) writes: "Once again we have witnessed the horrifying drama, with a crazy criminal or drunkard casting fear on a large group of travellers. So far the Arab countries have not suffered from this situation — created with their help and encouragement — but this time, an Arab airline has had a taste of it. Israel is awaiting Lebanon's official expression of thanks for the care taken to safeguard her civil aviation, as well as the appreciation of the International Airline Pilots' Association for the treatment accorded the Lebanese pilot and his crew at Lod."

Ha'aretz (non-party) notes: "The peculiar incident has had a happy ending. The man who declared that he had hijacked the plane for the purpose of bringing Israelis and Arabs closer together will remain in custody. The good intention to which he lays claim does not detract from the dangerous and criminal nature of the deed."

Ha'safe (National Religious)

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Wheat and Weapons

The Times (London) encouraged by the recent drop in grain prices, writes: "It has seemed (up to now) as if all the world's a casino."

The New York Times comments on the U.S. announcements that the Soviets now have Multiple Independently Targeted War Heads (MIRVs) around which all calculations of a strategic arms equation revolve: "Since the Soviet MIRV tests have been anticipated for so long, there is no justification for a panic reaction from Washington, or a further fattening of the strategic weapons budget. The latest Soviet tests increase the urgency of concluding a MIRV limitation accord, but they also add to the already overwhelming mutual interest in achieving it."

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The agony of the bus-user

DURING the election campaign of 1965, Mr. Shimon Peres, then a leader of the Rafi opposition, gained much publicity with his call for "a car for every worker." This original idea did not exactly sweep the country and Mr. Peres did not have to make good on his proposal. Three years ago Mr. Peres became Minister of Transport and had a chance to do something about it.

Meanwhile, as a worker without a car I travel by bus — and wonder whether the Ministry of Transport deals with public transport at all. I have just returned from a week's holiday in Jerusalem, travelling both ways by inter-urban bus, and using the local services in the capital, and in Tel Aviv so that my experience now extends beyond Haifa. I have often had the privilege of hearing Mr. Peres speak in public on many burning issues. Transport is not usually one of them, but it should be. It seems to me that many more Israelis must be concerned about the bus service than about the future of the "area," for example.

I would like here to describe something of my experiences of a week's intensive bus travelling, inter-urban and urban, in three cities. All the ministers and senior officials who travel in official cars may not be aware of the agony of using public transport, or they would surely do something about it. It seems to me that every time the bus cooperatives are allowed to raise their fares or receive additional subsidies (the frequency of which appears to be higher than some of their buses) the rise is made "conditional" on an improvement of service. I wonder whether anybody ever bothers to check whether this condition is carried out.

Getting worse Perhaps it is because none of us are getting any younger, but it seems to me that the service is getting worse. I have the feeling (as no doubt many bus-riding readers also have) that the biggest men are not so much drivers as meat packers. The number of passengers they manage to cram into the hot, mostly filthy buses, makes me shudder on each trip. Some of them do it with a smile, appealing to our better feelings of not letting other poor souls stand in the hot sun at the bus stops. Others merely shout at us to move down the bus "there's plenty of room at the end" and the technicians simply move their buses a few metres forward and then brake suddenly, throwing all standing passengers into the back of the bus, thus making more room. It seems to me that if they were moving cattle rather than humans they'd be in trouble with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. But as they are fortunately taking only people there is nobody who will stand up for us, and once again no pun is intended about the standing up. It is too much to expect the Ministry of Transport to explain to Egged and Dan that while their concern for the poor people waiting at the bus stops is certainly praiseworthy, the only humane way of solving the problem is by giving us more buses.

Why does a bus trip from one part of a city to the other have to be a punishment? How are the workers even to be expected to put in an honest day's work, after having come to work in a bus? The nerve-racking experience of fighting your way on to the bus, trying to open windows that won't open, trying to breathe without becoming nauseous from dozens of sweating bodies; trying to hang on to straps that often aren't there; trying to fight your way to the exit at the right stop, are often enough to warrant a day's pay, without actually doing a stroke of work. The medium is the message," said McLuhan. Is this message? "No," says Egged, going one better. And all this without even mentioning the fact that you have to fight your way back home again at the end of the day. And what about the position at

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the interurban stations? Does the Ministry ever send anybody to check? I'm afraid I doubt it. Long untidy queues, pushing and shouting, hot and dirty. The situation is so bad that once you do fight your way on to a bus, you are ready to forgive the state its in "Dirt and crowding cannot harm me, I have got on," to paraphrase the old saying that fate cannot harm me. I have dined today. Why is there no policeman or even a Transport Ministry inspector in sight to keep an eye on the queues and introduce some sort of order into the bedlam that reigns at our inter-urban stations? Is it really too much to ask the Ministry of Transport to see that individuals do not push into the buses ahead of several hundred persons waiting in long queues? Or are those buses leave at reasonable and regular intervals? Or that the vehicles at least start the day clean, and that their few amenities, like sliding windows and blinds, are actually in working order?

One cannot expect the Ministry to insist on air conditioning in buses on the busiest routes. But surely the authorities can see to it that the number of standing passengers is kept down to safe and manageable proportions, if not to eliminate standing altogether. I am no economist, but I suspect that if the Ministry would see to it that tickets were sold either through automats or by conductors and the number of standees cut down, the buses would have a faster turn-around and investments would actually pay off, to say nothing of the millions of passenger man-hours saved daily. This would give a boost to the whole economy, and save goodness only knows how many visits to doctors and work-days lost through sheer exhaustion.

It can be done All this of course means that Israel needs a Ministry for Transport. The public should no longer take "it can't be done" for an answer. It can be done, and a country that has overcome the obvious dangers of sabotage at overcrowded bus stations, and whose commandos have driven efficiently through the very centre of Beirut, is the country that can do it. The slogan we need for the 1973 election campaign is not a car for every worker (for which there is no room on our roads), but a seat for every bus passenger. Making public transport safe from sabotage is vital. But it should also be made safe from mental anguish and physical suffering. That is the true challenge for the Ministry of Transport, and that is what the voters should demand from the Ministry.

And, by the way, the bus drivers would benefit too. Quality of life is surely as important for them as for their long-suffering passengers. If some of us want our wrath on the drivers, that's only one more argument for the Ministry to do the job it was established for: to give us adequate transportation.

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Readers' letters

Athens terror

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The recent despicable attack by Arab terrorists at the Athens airport once again points up the urgency for appropriate action by the United Nations to curb these international outlaws. The United States has previously made attempts to prod the United Nations to move in this matter. These attempts have been commended by the Federal Bar Association, which in a formal resolution, has pointed out that "such heinous activities flout human rights, domestic laws and international tranquility."

Other Bar Associations might well emulate the example set by the Federal Bar Association to encourage positive action against this terrorist activity by the International Civil Aviation Organization at the August 28 meeting of that body, to be held in Rome.

MILTON GORDON, Member, National Council of Federal Bar Association, Tel Aviv (Miami Beach), August 8.

Lack of data in Knesset

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Israel, like many other countries, is suffering from, and failing to face up to, the consequences of an out-moded political and governmental system that can no longer cope with the pace of change inside the country and abroad. Perhaps first and foremost is the growing imbalance between the administrative organs of government and the legislature. Ministries are served by computers and experts, reports and committees. Their decisions are based on immense stacks of complex data and paper work, yet Members of the Knesset are still expected to give formal approval, whether in laws or budgets, without having even a fraction of the data available to them. And making it available would be no real solution, for who could possibly read all of it.

Any politician who comes before us at election time to talk of his programme for the coming four years is no longer "with it." He is deluding us — and himself. Tomorrow was already decided years ago. An attempt to make immediate

changes in plans and policies now involves bringing an immense juggernaut to a halt, and making it change direction — an almost impossible feat. Is it therefore any wonder that we have become cynical at election time — that we attach little credibility to grandiose new platforms and pious declarations of new social and economic policies?

Our problem, therefore, is not simply new parties or coalitions, nor even only electoral reform. What we must have — if any semblance of democracy is to survive — is a move towards restructuring of the total system.

At the legislative level, the Knesset must be supplied with the services of experts of its own, independent of government ministries, who can select and sift information and prepare position papers designed to increase the Member's background knowledge. At present our legislators do not enjoy even the services of a secretary to handle their correspondence.

L. YUVAL, Ramat Gan, July 30.

Air security

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — On July 3, my son went with the Noar Mizrahi group to Israel. The trip was booked with El Al, but El Al sent the group with KLM.

After protesting about poor security measures to the authorities at KLM, I realized I was getting nowhere so I went over to the El Al office at the airport. It was explained by someone who claimed to be in charge of security that it was not possible for Israel security to protect people who travel with other than El Al airlines.

I'm sure there are many people who book trips with El Al precisely because they feel safer with Israeli security and I feel that, when El Al transfers passengers to other airlines, these people are entitled to the same protection.

CARL GROSS, Flushing, N.Y., July 17.

El Al replies: El Al indeed regrets the inconvenience and worry caused to Mr. Gross. While El Al makes every effort possible to carry all passengers purchasing tickets on the airline in the planes of the carrier, there are occasional instances, when due to unforeseeable circumstances, some passengers are transferred. Instances of this sort are rare and usually occur only during peak travel periods.

Regarding foreign carrier security precautions, I can merely state that we have been working tirelessly for years to persuade all foreign airlines to intensify security precautions both in the air and on the ground.

A. SHEERMAN, Spokesman, Lod Airport, August 8.

Persian Gulf

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Gavin Young's article on arms supplies to the Persian Gulf countries (August 7) was certainly cogent, but it omitted a major factor, namely, that these countries pay for their arms in cash. In the present economic circumstances of the U.S. and Britain this is important, and may account for their willingness to sell the Persian Gulf states sophisticated equipment: it costs more. Moreover, there is a buyers' market for arms, and if America and Britain refused to sell, the U.S.S.R. no doubt would.

Furthermore, even if Iran or Saudi Arabia "go radical," in Mr. Young's felicitous phrase, this would not necessarily be a blow to western interests there. The automatic alignment of "progressive" and "reactionary" regimes with the U.S.S.R. and U.S. respectively no longer applies. In addition, some radical regimes, after shorter or longer bouts of anti-imperialism, have come to terms with the fact that the U.S. is still probably the best bet.

MORDEKHAI RAVEH, Shiloah Centre for M.E. and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, August 8.

PEACE SHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I cannot let the article by Lea Levi on Able Nathan (August 3) go without giving my point of view. How can anyone believe that Able Nathan's "Peace ship" is a losing concern? It just goes to show you how naive the Israeli public is. That ship is a floating gold mine. His money is just rocking and rolling in it!

EVELYN DAE-SL, Haifa (Australia), August 8.

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